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- UNDERWATER
- DRONE
- NATURAL HISTORY
- SCIENCE
- ADVENTURE
- UK & US TV
- DOCUMENTARY
- REALITY AND MULTI CAMERA
- FACTUAL ENTERTAINMENT
- SPECIALIST FACTUAL
- STUNTS



QUALIFICATIONS

Drone

CAA SUA Drone Permission (UK)

Water

HSE Level 4 Media Diving (UK) SSI

SSI Level 2 Freediving

BCU White Water Safety

First Aid

FREC3 1st Responder with Remote Trauma

AKE Surviving Hostile Regions & Trauma First Aid

RECENT CREDITS 2015 - PRESENT

SHARK with STEVE BACKSHALL

True to Nature Productions for Sky Nature - 1X60 mins - 2021

Underwater and Topside

Authored documentary series on sharks, ep04 based in the UK. PD Max Jourdain

DEADLY PREDATORS with STEVE BACKSHALL

BBC NHU for Children's BBC - 3X10 mins - 2021

Topside camera, with rope access

The ever popular 'Deadly' series returns with look at home grown UK predators.

SUPERNATURAL PLANET

Plimsoll Productions for National Geographic Channel - 1X15 mins - 2021

Underwater camera

Altitude diving with large UW grip in Lake Tanganyka, Tanzania. P/D: Eloisa Noble

SHARK ACADEMY

Double Act Productions for Discovery Networks (US) Shark Week - 6X60 mins 2020/21

Topside Director of Photography & Underwater

In a clash of specialist factual and reality TV, eight overly-confident interns get to grips with bull, reef, lemon, great hammerhead and tiger sharks whilst vying for a research job with biologist Dr Riley Elliott. Running a camera dept of nine people. P/D: Jo Locke

WONDERS OF THE CELTIC DEEP

One Tribe Productions for BBC1 Wales and BBC - 4 X 60 mins 2020/21

DoP and Underwater

Natural history series on the coastal and underwater wildlife of Wales. Topside and Underwater series DoP. P/D's: Anne Gallagher & Sally Weale

SPORT RELIEF - THE HEAT IS ON

Shine Productions for BBC1 - 1 X 60 mins 2020

DoP and Drone

7 Celebrities hobble their way across 100 miles of sand dunes in Namibia. Some fell over, some did quite well, either way it raised millions. P/D: Tom Williamson

GOLD RUSH PARKER'S TRAIL S04

Raw Television for Discovery Channel US - 10 X 60 mins 2019/20

Director of Photography

Parker Schnabel goes walkabout in Australia looking for gold. It turns out that Australia is really hot and hard to goldmine in.

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Playground TV for Channel 5 (UK) & US sales - 2019

Natural History DoP

'Calf Unit' - 99% waiting, 1% filming the birth of a calf to be cut into a drama scene.

Almost missed it after living in farm yard for a week.

SINK OR SWIM

Two Four Productions for Channel 4 (UK) - 6 X 60 mins 2019

Underwater camera

Eleven celebrities who can't swim get signed up to swim the channel by their agents. I was in the water to catch their final breaths as they sank, and then learnt to swim. Dir:

Josh Jacobs

THE HEIST (SERIES OPEN AND FINALE)

Endemol Shine for Sky One (UK) - 2 X 60 mins 2019

Director of Photography

Drama lighting, locations and action mixed with reality TV. 17 cameras, loads of people, multiple concurrent locations. Intense but amazing experience to DoP. Dir:

Robin Trump

CELEBRITY HUNTED (SERIES OPEN)

Endemol Shine for Channel 4 (UK) - 1 X 60 mins 2019

Director of Photography

Multi camera shoot and lighting, including air to air helicopters and 8 celebs. Dir: Rob Fisher

RUNNING WILD WITH BEAR GRYLLS

Electus Prods for National Geographic Chan (US) - 3 X 60 mins 2019

Underwater and topside

Three A-listers get muddy and eat dubious 'food'. Prod: Rob Buchta

DRAIN THE OCEANS

Mallinson Saddler Prods for National Geographic Chan (US) - 1 X 60 mins 2019

Director of Photography, drone and underwater

Science in the cold waters of Loch Ness & even colder waters of Lake Baikal in Siberia reveals hidden secrets. P/D: Charlie Bingham

KILIMANJARO - THE BIGGER RED NOSE CLIMB

Endemol Shine Productions for BBC1 - 1X60mins - 2019

DoP and Drone

8 Celebrities group-hug their way up Kilimanjaro. Their efforts raised 3 million pounds for the Comic Relief charity! P/D: Tom Williamson

WHEN SHARKS ATTACK

Optomen USA for Nat Geo Wild - 3X60mins - 2018

DoP, drone, underwater

Investigation into the reasons for shark attack spikes around the World. Underwater with sharks and drama recon. P/D: Mark Challender

THE SEARCH FOR WATER

Bow River Films - Feature doc - 1X70mins - 2018/19

DoP and drone

The Latitude 35 rowing team walk across a desert in Namibia, obviously. Weeks of remote camping, off-roading, big skies, physical fitness, elephants, rhino, giraffe, lions, star lapses and very little water. P/D: Simon Tucker

BEAR V'S SHARK

Electus Media for Discovery Channel US - Shark Week - 1X60mins - 2018

DoP and underwater

Bear Grylls dives with Great Hammerhead and Bull Sharks and doesn't get eaten. Hi-fives all round. Dir: Grady Chandler

MONSTER FISH: SERIES 7

InFocus Asia for Nat Geo Wild (US) - 2X60 mins - 2017/18

DoP

Biologist Zeb Hogan searches for some of the Worlds largest predatory fresh water fish in Myanmar (hard) and sharks in Bahamas (easy). PD: Robbie Bridgeman

EXTREME WALES WITH RICHARD PARKES S02

One Tribe TV for BBC2/BBC Wales - 3 X 30 mins 2017

DoP

Welsh adventurer Richard Parks cycles, coasteers, kayaks and paramotors his way across Wales. I do it all with him, which was a right laugh. Nominated for BAFTA CYMRU Best Factual Series. PD: Luke Lovell

EXPEDITION MUNGO

Blast! Prods for Animal Planet (US) - 6 X 60 mins, 2016/17

DoP

Mungo 'The Cameraman' leads his expedition crew into jungles and remotesville all over the World to look for monsters that don't exist and we learn that it's hard to film things that aren't there. New series for which I set the style. PD's: Dom Weston & Charlie Bingham

LIVING FREE with KIMI WERNER

InFocus Asia for Nat Geo People - 6 X 60 mins 2015/16

DoP

Badass spear fisherwoman, freediver and wilderness chef Kimi Werner travels to remote places across the World to learn how to hunt, forage and thrive from people who can't hack the city. New series for which I set the style. PD's: Lindsey Savino & Robbie Bridgeman

OLDER CREDITS 2000 - 2015

EXTREME WALES WITH RICHARD PARKS S01

One Tribe TV for BBC2/BBC Wales. 3 X 30 mins, 2016. DoP. PD: Luke Lovell

BEAR GRYLLS' MISSION SURVIVE S01&02 Betty Productions for ITV1 (UK) - 6 X 60 mins, 2015. Camera Operator. Series Dir: Robin Trump

MONSTER FISH S06 InFocus Asia for Nat Geo Wild (US) - 4 X 60 mins, 2015.

DoP. PD: Erin Buxton and Robbie Bridgeman

CATS V's DOGS Boundless Productions for BBC2 - 2 X 60 mins, 2015. DoP. With Chris Packham. PD: Davina Bristow

SPECIAL SERVICES: ULTIMATE HELL WEEK BBC2 (UK) - 6 X 60 mins, 2015

BRITAIN'S BIGGEST ADVENTURES with BEAR GRYLLS ITV1 (UK) - 1 X 60 mins,

2014/15. **EXTREME ENDURANCE: RACE TO THE POLE** with RICHARD PARKS Channel 5 (UK) - 3 X 60 mins, 2013/14

MONSTER FISH S04 & 5 Nat Geo Wild (US) - 4 X 60 mins, 2013/14

CESAR (MILAN) TO THE RESCUE Nat Geo Wild - 4 X 60 mins, 2014

A TOWN CALLED SUCCESS Feature doc produced by PTS Taiwan - 1 X 75 mins, 2012/13. Winner of a Cine Golden Eagle award (USA) & People and Wildlife Japan Film Fest 2013

360 ALL ACCESS - UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE S01 & 02 National Geographic Channel - 4 X 60 mins, 2012/13

GEM HUNTERS Travel Channel - 1 X 60 mins, 2011/12

MONSTER CROC HUNT Nat Geo Wild (US) - 1 X 60 mins, 2011/12

FIGHT CLUB ASIA 3D National Geographic Channel (US) - 1 X 60 mins, 2011

MONSTER FISH S02 & 03 National Geographic Channel (US) - 7 X 60 mins, 2010/11

IF FOOD RUNS OUT History Channel - 1 X 60 mins, 2010

MONSTER JELLYFISH ATTACK NGCI & NGC. -1 X 60 mins, 2009/10. Nominated for 'Best Cinematography' at Asian TV Awards

WIFE SWAP Channel 4 (UK) - 2 X 60 mins, 2007/08

FRED DIBNAH'S WORLD OF STEAM, STEEL AND STONE BBC2 - 12 X 30 mins, 2006

CHANNEL 4 CRICKET - THE ASHES 2005 Operating the hi-speed Tornado camera. BAFTA winning coverage

FRED DIBNAH'S MADE IN BRITAIN BBC2 -12 X 30 mins, 2004

DIG WITH DIBNAH BBC2 - 1 X 60 mins, 2004

MARION AND GEOFF - A SMALL SUMMER PARTY BBC2 - 1 X 60 mins, 2001. Second camera on this comedy starring Rob Brydon, Steve Coogan and Mark Benton

EDUCATION

TIME BASED MEDIA BA Hons.

FIRST CLASS

The University of the West of England, Bristol. 1997 – 2000

General media degree but I specialised in camera and lighting

SPEAKING

Nottingham Trent University, School of Animal, Rural and Environmental Sciences.
Inspirational careers talk! 2021.

Screen Skills ‘So you want to be an Adventure DoP?’ career-based online session.
2020

Talks in state primary schools about adventures in jungles, wildlife and Antarctica that combine with the national curriculum and show the kids what’s possible for them!

International Science Filmmaking Conference at National Taiwan University 2012.
Documentary Production seminars at The Northern Film School, Leeds Met University.
2010

INTERESTS

MUSICIAN In the Noughties I played Fender Rhodes piano in the bands Nathaniel Green and Pylon. We released a number of records and toured the UK and Europe.

SPORTS Fell Running, kayaking, diving and freediving.

I speak conversational **FRENCH**

REFEREES

DALE TEMPLAR (Series Exec/S.P - Celtic Deep, Bear Grylls, Richard Parks)

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